

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 46 and 48 to 58 without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter, amend Claims 42 to 45, 47, and 59, and add new Claims 76 to 82 as shown below. The claims, as pending in the subject application, now read as follows:

1. to 41. (Canceled)

42. (Currently amended) A print processing method which is executed by a print system to which plural print apparatuses and an information processing apparatus are connected, comprising:

~~an environment setting step of setting a print environment of print data, said environment setting step including a selecting step of selecting at least two or more print apparatuses from among the plural print apparatuses; and~~

a receiving step of receiving capability description information of a first print apparatus and capability description information of a second print apparatus, both selected in said selecting step; and

~~a generating step of, based on printer capability description information in which a maximum number of capability of a function of each of the plural print apparatuses is described and the print environment set in said environment setting step, adding the maximum numbers of the capabilities of the functions of the print apparatuses selected in said environment setting step to set a renewal maximum number, said renewal maximum number exceeding any of the maximum number of capabilities of a function of each of the plural print apparatuses, and generating complex printer capability description information in which the set renewal maximum~~

~~number is described~~ generating synthesized capability description information obtained by synthesizing the capability description information of the first print apparatus and the capability description information of the second print apparatus.

wherein, in a case where the value of the capability described in the capability description information is a first format, said generating step determines the value of the capability described in the synthesized capability description information by executing arithmetic calculation of the value of the capability of the first print apparatus and the value of the capability of the second print apparatus, and

wherein, in a case where the value of the capability described in the capability description information is a second format, said generating step determines the value of the capability described in the synthesized capability description information by executing Boolean operation of the value of the capability of the first print apparatus and the value of the capability of the second print apparatus.

43. (Currently amended) A print processing method according to Claim 42, further comprising an attribute setting step of setting a print attribute of the print data,

wherein the setting of the print attribute in said attribute setting step can be performed ~~based on the renewal maximum number, on a screen formed based on the complex printer~~ synthesized capability description information generated in said generating step.

44. (Currently amended) A print processing method according to Claim 43, further comprising an indicating step of indicating print of the print data,

wherein the print data print-indicated in said indicating step is subjected to dispersion print by the print apparatuses selected in said ~~environment setting~~ selecting step.

45. (Currently amended) A print processing method according to Claim 44, further comprising a notification receiving step of receiving notification of information representing how the print data has been subjected to the dispersion print.

46. (Canceled)

47. (Currently amended) A print processing method according to Claim 42, further comprising an input operation step of being able to perform an input operation for updating the content of the ~~printer~~ capability description information of each of the plural print apparatuses.

48. to 58. (Canceled)

59. (Currently amended) A program stored on a computer-readable storage medium, the program causing a computer to execute a control method for a print system to which plural print apparatuses and an information processing apparatus are connected, comprising:

~~an environment setting step of setting a print environment of print data, said environment setting step including~~ a selecting step of selecting at least two or more print apparatuses from among the plural print apparatuses; ~~and~~

a receiving step of receiving capability description information of a first print apparatus and capability description information of a second print apparatus, both selected in said selecting step; and

~~a generating step of, based on printer capability description information in which a maximum number of capability of a function of each of the plural print apparatuses is described and the print environment set in said environment setting step, adding the maximum numbers of the capabilities of the functions of the print apparatuses selected in said environment setting step to set a renewal maximum number, said renewal maximum number exceeding any of the maximum number of capability of a function of each of the plural print apparatuses, and generating complex printer capability description information in which the set renewal maximum number is described~~ generating synthesized capability description information obtained by synthesizing the capability description information of the first print apparatus and the capability description information of the second print apparatus,

wherein, in a case where the value of the capability described in the capability description information is a first format, said generating step determines the value of the capability described in the synthesized capability description information by executing arithmetic calculation of the value of the capability of the first print apparatus and the value of the capability of the second print apparatus, and

wherein, in a case where the value of the capability described in the capability description information is a second format, said generating step determines the value of the capability described in the synthesized capability description information by executing Boolean operation of the value of the capability of the first print apparatus and the value of the capability of the second print apparatus.

60. to 75. (Canceled)

76. (New) A print processing method according to Claim 42, wherein the capability described in the capability description information is at least any one of the number of output bins, a paper type, and duplex.

77. (New) A print processing method according to Claim 42, wherein the capability description information includes information indicating whether the value of the capability is the first format or the second format.

78. (New) An information processing apparatus comprising:

a receiving unit adapted to receive capability description information of a first print apparatus and capability description information of a second print apparatus;

a generating unit adapted to generate synthesized capability description information obtained by synthesizing the capability description information of the first print apparatus and the capability description information of the second print apparatus,

wherein, in a case where the value of the capability described in the capability description information is a first format, said generating unit determines the value of the capability described in the synthesized capability description information by executing arithmetic calculation of the value of the capability of the first print apparatus and the value of the capability of the second print apparatus, and

wherein, in a case where the value of the capability described in the capability description information is a second format, said generating unit determines the value of the

capability described in the synthesized capability description information by executing Boolean operation of the value of the capability of the first print apparatus and the value of the capability of the second print apparatus.

79. (New) An information processing apparatus according to Claim 78, wherein the capability described in the capability description information is at least any one of the number of output bins, a paper type, and duplex.

80. (New) An information processing apparatus according to Claim 78, wherein the capability description information includes information indicating whether the value of the capability is the first format or the second format.

81. (New) An information processing apparatus according to Claim 78, further comprising a transmitting unit adapted to transmit the synthesized capability description information generated by said generating unit to another information processing apparatus.

82. (New) An information processing apparatus according to Claim 78, wherein said information processing apparatus, the first print apparatus and the second print apparatus are connected through a network.